

# Morris & Morris Funerals



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## Pre-Planning Your Funeral

The simplest and most organised way to ensure that your needs and wishes are carried out by your family when the time comes.

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# Pre-planning

Although we don't like to think about it, the day eventually comes when we all need funeral services. Because Morris & Morris believes you should have the funeral that's right for you, we recommend pre-planning as a good way to achieve this.

Many people feel comfortable about leaving the responsibility of arranging their funerals to family or friends. Others however may prefer to be a little more organised by leaving a personalised plan or instructions and even perhaps paying for their funeral ahead of time.

Our experience shows us that pre-planned funerals bring great comfort to families, they are reassured with the knowledge that they are fulfilling their loved one's wishes, and taking away some of the stress and pressure at such a time.

At Morris & Morris, we feel it is important that your personal wishes are carried out, so we record this information to ensure that your preferences are clear.

Some personal choices you may like to consider are:

- The type and style of funeral you prefer
- Whether you wish to be buried or cremated
- Your choice and style of casket
- Your choice of flowers, music and readings
- Funeral venue and catering
- Any other special features you would like included in the service
- Placing of notices in the newspaper

Remember, pre-planning a funeral helps you to choose the type and style of service you would like. If you would like some advice from experienced professionals, you can phone our offices on 09 437 5799 Whangarei or 09 439 8048 Dargaville to make an appointment time that suits you.

There are two ways that we can help you pre-plan your funeral

1. You may like to record your wishes privately by either completing the forms on the following pages, or filling them in online at [www.morrisandmorris.co.nz](http://www.morrisandmorris.co.nz)
2. You may contact our offices on 09 437 5799 Whangarei or 09 439 8048 Dargaville to make a time for one of our funeral directors to talk to you about pre-planning your funeral. We're here to help, and this consultation is absolutely free. We will meet with you at our office, or in the privacy of your own home.

A free pre-planning consultation

A pre-planning consultation with one of our experienced directors, will lead you through the general funeral process. You may then consider the range of funeral options available to you, and make decisions with the help of our experience and advice.

Your personal preferences for all aspects of your funeral will be recorded, and if required we are able to calculate an estimate for you.

A copy of these instructions will then be left with us if you wish. You will then be assured that when the time comes, all of your personal details and preferences can be carried out according to your exact wishes. Morris & Morris will of course keep your information secure and confidential.



# It's all your choice

We believe that every funeral should be tailored around an individual's desires and needs, whether cultural, spiritual or personal. Here is some information that may help you pre-plan the funeral service that's right for you.

## Burial or Cremation

Burial or cremation is a personal choice. A burial will involve purchasing a plot and a fee for digging the grave. New Zealand law requires that all burials are in officially designated cemeteries, plots are available at both local authority and privately owned cemeteries in Northland. We can help you with purchasing and / or reserving plots if required, or arranging for headstone memorials.

A cremation offers further options for a final resting place as ashes can be scattered, buried, kept, or divided amongst family members you can also take a small amount of ashes out to have made into Jewellery or a keepsake for your loved ones. If cremation is a choice you would like to make, please give some thought as to what you would like done with your ashes as it is often difficult for your family to make this decision. Morris & Morris can give guidance in this area.

## Venues

The choice of the venue is up to the individual, and we encourage you to talk about venue ideas with us which we can then organise for your family when the time comes. For families convenience, we have an onsite chapel with up to date audio visual equipment, live streaming technology, and a reception lounge with full catering facilities for friend and family to get together after the service. However it may also be appropriate for a funeral to take place at a Church, Sports Club, an Outdoor Location, Home, a Cemetery or Crematorium chapel.

## Caskets

The choice of casket is often an opportunity for individual expression. A range of traditional and contemporary caskets or coffins, including solid timber, veneer, wool and eco-friendly options are available. Our caskets can be personalised with colour, pictures, tributes, or memorabilia to suit every individual person. A catalogue is available and can be emailed to you, or you may wish to visit our selection room situated at our Whangarei premises. Alternatively visit our website at [www.morrisandmorris.co.nz](http://www.morrisandmorris.co.nz)

## Minister or Celebrant

Anyone can take a funeral service however families often use a Celebrant or Clergy member to lead the funeral service. This is entirely up to the individual's wishes. We are able to provide a suitable celebrant for the family if required.

## Flowers / Casket Tribute / Personal Items

Flowers are wonderful expressions of affection and sympathy, and a bouquet for the casket and other floral arrangements are popular. Your funeral director can help coordinate your floral requirements, or you may choose your own florist if preferred. You can also place other items on or around the casket to personalise it, these could include a blanket, garden tools, horse saddle, surfboard, a picture, paintings etc

## Music - Readings

Playing your favourite music is a simple way of personalising a funeral service. The singing of a hymn or song is also very popular, and many churches have a resident organist. For other venues We can also arrange a professional musician if required. Consider any favourite readings or poems you may like to have included in the service.

## Other things to consider at the time of a funeral

Morris & Morris can provide personalised printed service sheets, multimedia pictorial presentations and catering choices for any venue.

The most important thing to remember is that no matter how you record your wishes, you need to inform your next of kin where this information is stored.

# Paying Towards Your Funeral

For many people, pre-planning and paying towards a funeral may go hand in hand. At the time of pre-planning a funeral, you also have the option of paying towards for it. This option provides peace of mind that money is set aside for the funeral, and that this financial responsibility will not fall onto someone else.

Paying towards (for all or part of) your funeral service, helps to relieve your family and loved ones of the financial responsibility of the funeral expenses.

Payments of up to \$10,000 with the Funeral Trust are currently excluded from asset testing (under government legislation) when assessing eligibility for a subsidy for long term residential care for the elderly.

Funeral funds are not held by Morris & Morris Funerals, or any other associated business. Morris & Morris Funerals complies fully with the bylaws of the Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand (FDANZ) and their Funeral Trust, who hold the funds until they are needed.

## FDANZ Funeral Trust

A Funeral Trust plan allows you to set money aside, in trust, for your final farewell or for that of a loved one. Paying towards a funeral means when the time comes loved ones can gather together, support one another, and remember and celebrate a life, without having to worry, at a very emotional time.

The FDANZ Funeral Trust is a secure way to pay towards your funeral. This Trust has been established by FDANZ to assist anyone to make arrangements for their funeral, or the funeral of another person such as a family member.

The FDANZ Funeral Trust is not an insurance policy. No health checks or personal questions are needed. Anyone can pre-arrange and pay towards a funeral with an FDANZ Funeral Director through the FDANZ Funeral Trust.

If you would like more information on funeral plans, why not have a chat with one of our funeral planning specialists at Morris & Morris Funerals.



Morris & Morris Funerals endeavours to provide the funeral service with your personal touches in mind. Our aim is to provide support and guidance for grieving families and friends of loved ones. We're here to help, so feel free to call us any time that you need us.





# Pre-arrangement details

Once filled in, tell a family member where this document will be kept. This will ensure that your wishes will be met. Please call us on 09 437 5799 if you have any questions.

## Personal Details

First Names \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a New Zealander, what year did you arrive in New Zealand? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you descended from New Zealand Maori?  Yes  No  Don't know

Ethnic Group \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Father's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

## Relationship status at present

- Married  In a Civil Union  Marriage / Civil Union Permanently Separated  
 In a De Facto relationship  Separated from De Facto partner  Marriage / Civil Union Dissolved  
 Spouse / Partner deceased  Never in a legal relationship

## Most recent Marriage / Union

Spouse / Partner full name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Partner maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ Your age at marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Sex of spouse / partner \_\_\_\_\_

## If previously married, please fill in the details below

Spouse / Partner full name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Partner maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ Your age at marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Sex of spouse / partner \_\_\_\_\_

## Living children

Birth date of each daughter \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date of each son \_\_\_\_\_

# Funeral Details



Name and contact details of solicitor who holds my will

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Name and contact details of my next of kin

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I wish to be buried

I wish to be cremated

Ashes instructions

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Plot owned

No

Yes

Cemetery

Plot Ref:

Place of service

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Religion

Clergy / Celebrant

Casket

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Poems

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Music/Hymns

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Flowers

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Donations

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Service live streamed / Recorded

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Photographic Tribute

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Service sheets

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Catering / where

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Newspaper notices

[Advocate]

[NZ Herald]

[Other]

Pallbearers

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Notes

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## Privacy

Morris & Morris Funerals respect your privacy; your information is confidential and will not be shared with third parties.

Today's date:

Email Address:

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Contact Phone Number:

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# My notifications



## Who should be notified after my death?

Listed below are organisations which may require notification following a death. This will assist your family to finalise affairs and obtain assistance required. You may like to note contact details beside those which are applicable. You can also visit [www.mytrove.co.nz](http://www.mytrove.co.nz) to notify IRD, Internal Affairs, Westpac, TSB, Fidelity Life, Asteron Life and Partners Life of the passing of your lived one.

### Professionals

Solicitor or Public Trust Office

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Accountant

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Executor of Will

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Doctor

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Dentist

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Chemist

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Specialist or Hospital

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### Finance

Banks and other financial institutions

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Insurance companies

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(including Life Insurers and Superannuation Funds)

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Employers

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Credit Card providers

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Department store accounts

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Hire purchase companies

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Home appliance and medical aid rentals

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### Government

Inland Revenue Department

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Electoral Office

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Work & Income NZ

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Local Council (rates)

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Motor Vehicle Registry

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### Services

Medicare and Health Funds (*e.g Southern Cross*)

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Medic alert

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Utility providers (*phone, power, gas*)

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### Clubs and Associations

Clubs, organisations and professional bodies

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Church or religious organisations

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Home care nursing services, meals on wheels

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NZ Police (*Firearms Licensing Section*)

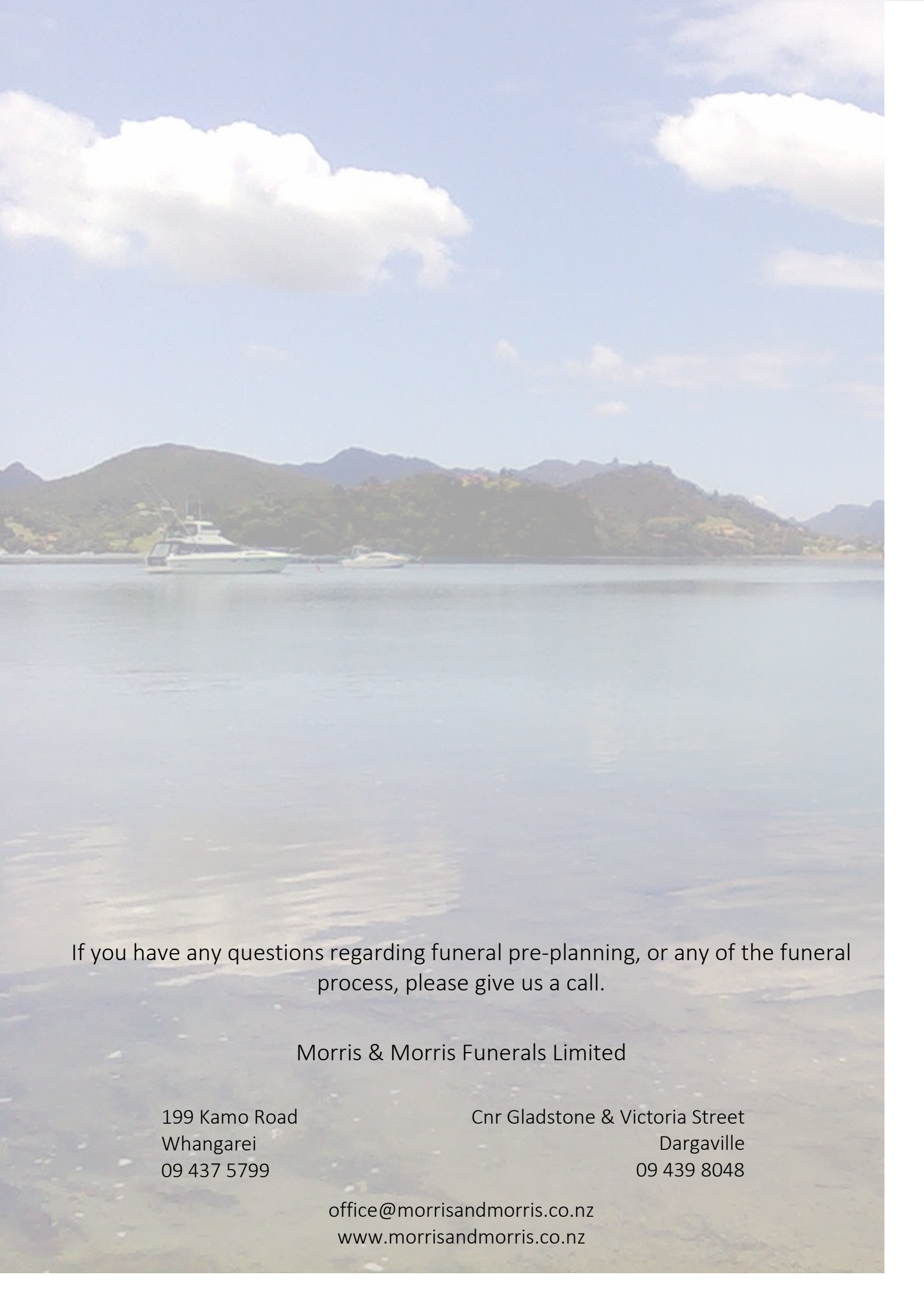
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### Other

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If you have any questions regarding funeral pre-planning, or any of the funeral process, please give us a call.

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